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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear FCC Commissioners:

In my past years as a state representative in the Indiana House, I came to realize that many people and organizations would come to me for support. I looked carefully at their requests and determined in the end what was best for my constituents. I know you face much the same situation at the Federal Communications Commission.

I am writing you today on behalf of the Indiana Manufacturers Association to ask for your support of the AT&T merger with T-Mobile.

Unfortunately, economic recovery in light of the Great Recession is taking longer than many expected. Manufacturers and other businesses are careful to weigh the costs of any investments, whether it is in equipment, real estate or in creating new jobs. One of the considerations they face is what technology is currently available and how it will change their business or operations.

This merger has the promise of significantly improving the communications infrastructure of our country. AT&T has said that the merger result will bring next-generation wireless service to upwards of 97 percent of the country's population. This is a huge investment in infrastructure, and it is not contingent upon any public funding.

By offering people and businesses throughout the country the opportunity to shop, work, study and socialize online from wherever they are, this technology will help to spur the economy. It will provide the means to encourage manufacturers and other businesses to expand and create new jobs. As you know, this creates a cycle that feeds upon itself to the benefit of everyone.

That is why we as an organization representing manufacturers around Indiana support this acquisition. We believe it will be good for the economy and for job growth. We urge you to endorse this deal.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Kiely
President

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